



WARDAWGS

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FROM THE COMMANDER...

February is a short month, and it felt even shorter this year. We started the month with two weeks of community policing on Fort Riley, before transitioning right into an intense training cycle. Each Platoon conducted their own Advanced Rifle Marksmanship range, allowing Soldiers more time on the firing line, with more ammunition, and more individualized attention on advanced firing techniques and positions. The weather played nice with us, and the ranges were executed with minimal distractions. Overall feedback was great, as Soldiers grew more confident with their weapons. We also assumed the Quick Reaction Force (QRF) mission, so we conducted an alert and training to ensure that we are prepared should the QRF be activated. The QRF alert went well, and we are confident that we can execute the mission, if necessary.

Next month, the training focus is on the Squad Certification Lanes, 14-18 March. The entire unit will deploy to Gunnery North / Douthitt Range Complex, for the duration of the training. The focus will be on small unit tasks and drills, and building confidence in the Soldiers and their team and squad leaders. We will deploy on Monday, and return Friday, in order for Soldiers to be home for the weekend. Additionally, with Spring Break for schools in the area being 21-25 March, I am encouraging leaves during this time. We will postpone Organizational Day until 2 June, so that we can maximize Spring Break leaves and also because the kids will be out of school for the summer and can participate in the fun. The last week of March will be Law and Order situation training, where we have an opportunity to refresh ourselves on the law enforcement tasks that we may have to conduct when we resume community policing in April.

March will be a busy month, but it will also be rewarding as we complete some much needed training events. I look forward to another great month with WARDAWGS!

— WARDAWG 6

FROM THE 1SG

February is the shortest month of the year, but it was definitely a busy one for the company. We finished off a strong Community Law Enforcement cycle and transitioned immediately into some range time. I think all the Soldiers and leaders enjoyed the platoon level ranges and those skills learned will continue to be built on in upcoming training events. Even with a few minor setbacks, the Wardawgs continue to set the standard for duty performance and mission accomplishment within the Battalion. I appreciate the hard work I see from each Soldier on a daily basis. I know being a Soldier is not always easy and I thank each of you for your service and your continued efforts to make our unit the best it can possibly be.

Personal readiness is more important now than at any other time in the last 16 months. We are available for deployment, but we don't know where or when. This can be frustrating to even the most senior Soldiers in the unit. Take the time we have to ensure YOU are ready when the call comes. Clean and maintain your gear. Get in the best shape you can by losing those few extra pounds and hitting the gym. Take the time to get your finances, legal affairs, promotion documents and ERB in order now so you don't have to worry about it later. If you are a leader, it is YOUR responsibility to ensure your Soldier's are 100% ready.

Use each training day to its fullest potential and ensure you are trained on every task and drill, each weapon and piece of equipment you are assigned. Study your craft! Knowledge is power and it gives you a sense of security to know you are fully prepared. — WARDAWG 7

UPCOMING FRG MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 4 March, 1030: FRG Muster, Riley Conference Center
- 7-11 March: Resilient Spouse Academy, ACS
- 8 March, 1800: FRG Meeting, Company Day Room: Resilient Spouse Informational Brief
- 14 March, 1700-1830: USO No Dough Dinner, Bldg 7856
- 19 March: St. Patrick's Day Parade, Manhattan, KS
- 30 March, 1700-1830: USO No Dough Dinner, Bldg 7856
- 4-6 May: Battalion Open House Week

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1ST PLATOON "RAVENS"

February has been a very busy month for the Ravens Platoon. We spent the first half of the month conducting Community Policing around the Fort Riley area, where your Soldiers continued to do an outstanding job. There was no rest for the Platoon; when we finished with the Road Commitment and went right into the Training Cycle and took over QRF responsibilities. Just two days after the start of the Training Cycle, the platoon conducted a QRF alert as well as weapons training at the Engagement Skills Trainer in preparation for the Advanced Rifle Marksmanship Range. The Range was held the following day with great success. We also had a great turnout at the Battalion Sports Day. Even though we did not win the Pig Bowl everyone did an excellent job and we could not ask for more. We finished off the month with preparations for Squad Training in March.

This past month the Platoon had to say good bye PFC Serrano as she was transferred to HQ Platoon to work in the Arms Room. We wish her luck in her new position. I am happy to announce that the Platoon received three new Soldiers this past month; SGT Gorman who comes to us from Stuttgart Germany, SGT Shanahan, his wife Jessica and their daughter Kelly Jean from Fort Bliss, and PVT Drouin from Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood. Please be sure to welcome these new Soldiers to the Raven family.



Left to Right: SPC Williams conducting Target Discrimination at the ARM Range, PFC Ross engaging his targets at the ARM Range

SFC Ross and I appreciate the support of the families and friends of the Soldiers in 1st Platoon. You can expect your Soldiers to be coming home tired and exhausted as the result of the excellent training that will be conducted throughout March. As always we ask for your continued support and patience. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact one of us. 1LT Briggs & SFC Ross

2ND PLATOON "DEMONS"

February was a good month for the Demon Soldiers. We finished up working Community Policing and moved directly into training. On February 15th, the Platoon conducted an Advanced Rifle Marksmanship range. The Soldiers were introduced to some advanced firing and movement techniques that are used while in combat. Motivation was very high and the Soldiers learned a lot about their weapons. During the month of March, the Demons will be very busy with squad training, as well as the Squad certifications in mid-March. We then will be finishing up with our Law and Order situational training lanes in order to get your Soldiers ready to work the road again in April. The 300th MP CO and the Demon Platoon also welcomed 5 new Soldiers directly from AIT and one from Korea. PFC Johnson, PFC Balkcom, PFC Guy, PFC Jonas and PV2 Balkun all arrived from AIT. PFC Kelley (The Platoon's new Medic) arrived from Korea. The Demon family would like to welcome them and their families and know that they will be well taken care of. We also said goodbye to SPC Jennings who is leaving the Army and going back home to Florida. She will be going back to college and getting her degree in nursing. The Demon family will like to wish her the best with everything and good luck in the future.



A 2nd Platoon Soldier takes aim.

February also welcomed some well deserved promotions. PV2 Philpot was promoted to Private First Class. We also had a few birthdays this month SPC Gabrielse turned 24 on the 9th, SPC Coffou turned 23 on the 26th, PFC Stewart turned 20 on the 22nd, and PFC Flowers turns 23 on the 27th. Congratulations to everyone and Happy Birthday!!

1LT Shook & SSG Hile



3RD PLATOON "WOLFPACK"

Welcome to all the families and friends of the "WolfPack". The month of February has finally come to an end. We have been working extremely hard this month and it has flown by. We began the month providing law enforcement to the Fort Riley community for two weeks and I

am happy to say that our Soldiers received multiple positive ICE comments. Their leadership is extremely proud of their efforts at keeping the Fort Riley community safe. The second half of February began with advanced rifle marksmanship which our Soldiers had a great time learning advanced firing techniques which is what most of them joined the Army to do.

The month of March will consist primarily on Squad level training. Our squads will be put through a rigorous training curriculum in order to become proficient and experts at their professions. I am very proud of each and every one of the Soldiers. The end of the month will be Law and Order training which will prepare them for the following month of April's Law Enforcement mission.

I would like to thank the families and friends of the "WolfPack" for their continuous support to your Soldiers and our Platoon, and I hope to see many of you at our next FRG meeting on the 8th of March. Enjoy the Kansas weather during the month of March and as always stay Safe.

1LT Meddaugh & SFC Legault



1LT Meddaugh and SPC Vick immediately following SPC Vick's Reenlistment Ceremony



SPC Forrer receives the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (MOVSM) at the 1st Quarter Volunteer



HQ PLATOON "VIPERS"

February was a very productive month for the Headquarters Platoon. Despite numerous snow days, the hard work of the Commo and Motor Pool sections enabled the successful fielding of the Company's new FBCB2 systems. There has been a lot of planning and preparation for the Company to move to its new location on the hill. Hopefully we will be able to execute the move with minimum difficulties.

We celebrated a few birthdays this month. PV2 Anderson celebrated the big 21 on the 4th. SPC Henderson turned 27 on the 17th. SFC Edwards had a birthday on the 20th, and our First Sergeant celebrated his birthday on the 22nd. Mrs. Hobbs brought in a cake for the Soldiers in the Company to enjoy. We tried putting candles on the cake however, it created a fire hazard.

Looking forward to next month, the Vipers will be extremely busy. The first and second we will be supporting the MPs in their Squad Collective Training, while still prepping to go to the field on the 14th. HQ will be providing the most realistic training environment that we possibly can. The tempo for the month of March is going to be very fast and the Soldiers will be busy. I am sure that like always we will rise to the challenge and get the job done.

SGT Smith

BATTALION SPORTS DAY



TOP ROW (Left to Right): 1) SPC Young, M. goes for a free throw; 2) SGT Kelley intercepts a pass to the 287th MP CO; 3) SPC Bristow explains the size and shape of a basketball to the team.

BOTTOM ROW (Left to Right): 1) One last pep talk before taking down the 977 MP CO; 2) SGT Kelley goes for a dunk during warm-up; 3) PFC Young, B. sets up for a free throw.

ADVANCED RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP



Mrs. Hobbs receives the Volunteer of the Quarter Award for 1st Quarter, Fiscal Year 11 at the Riley Conference Center.



Top Left to Right: 1) A 2nd PLT Soldier fires at an E-type Silhouette; 2) SPC Correa clears his weapon prior to entering the firing line.

Bottom: PFC Calero prepares to fire the burst qualification table.

SOUND OFF!

PROMOTIONS

To PFC:
PV2 Philpot
PV2 Martin

To SGT:
CPL Mabe

To SPC:
PFC Lewis

AWARDS

SPC Frazuer, Morgan	PCS AAM
SPC Jennings	ETS AAM
SPC Forrer, Anthony	MOVSM
CPL Frame, Kenneth	Impact AAM
PFC Arthur, Derrik	Impact AAM
PFC Stewart, Kenneth	Impact AAM
SGT Ellington, Brian	COA
SGT Yinger, Steven	COA

REENLISTMENTS

Thank you and congratulations to the following Soldiers!

CPL Garcia
SPC Vick

BOSS INFORMATION

Battalion B.O.S.S. is trying to set up a stand for doughnuts and coffee on Motor Pool Monday for the companies starting March 7th and will continue depending on the outcome. Any interested, contact CPL Owens.

Upcoming Events:

17 March, 1900-2200 hours – Free Bowling for all single Soldiers. Dress green for St. Patty's Day.

27 March - Fashion Show; further details are coming.

02 April - Speed dating will be held at the Rally Point. Afterwards the Rally Point will transition into a hip- hop club for that night. The price is \$5 per person. Details are still being worked on.

16 April, 1200 hours - Paintball Tournament. \$10 per person, \$45 per 5 person team. Location is still to be determined.

29 April, 1000 hours - Rusty Club Golf Tournament. Cost is \$60 per person and \$220 per team of 4. There will be door prizes as well as the Top Flight Award.

6 May - Pie in the face for Battalion Sports Day, all donations will go to Battalion B.O.S.S.

7 May, 1200 hours – Free BBQ at the Warrior Zone for all Single Soldiers.

27-30 May – B.O.S.S. trip to San Antonio. The Fort Riley and Fort Hood B.O.S.S. members will link up and go to Six Flags and Sea World. Four-star hotel accommodations. The cost is TBD, more information is coming soon.

Look for soon:

- Free tickets to a Kansas City Royals game, information is still to be put out.
- Casino Night. Need to know who is interested, so that we can put the evening together. Further information will be determined depending on outcome of individuals who will be attending.

Your B.O.S.S. Rep,
CPL Owens

300TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY



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FRG Leader: Still Looking at this time!

Contact CPT West for any FRG questions

CONGRATULATIONS!

Special Congratulations!

Birthdays:

01 FEB – SPC McCarty
04 FEB – PV2 Anderson
05 FEB – SPC West
09 FEB – SPC Gabrielse
13 FEB – PFC Ross
17 FEB – SPC Henderson
17 FEB – SPC Chalk
20 FEB – SFC Edwards
20 FEB – SPC Tran
21 FEB – SPC Nolte
21 FEB – PFC Martin
22 FEB – 1SG Hobbs
22 FEB – PFC Stewart, K.
25 FEB – SPC Durnal
26 FEB – SPC Coffou
26 FEB – PFC Starr
27 FEB – CPL Stewart, J.
27 FEB – PFC Flowers

Happy Anniversary!

11 FEB - SPC Zachary and Brianna Voelkel

New Baby Girl!

Congrats to SPC and Jensina Nolte on the birth of their daughter Aubriana Rae

ODDS AND ENDS

Tax Season

The Fort Riley Tax Center (Building 7626, on the corner of Normandy Drive and McGlachlin Street on Custer Hill) will remain open until April 20. If you want to file on your own, remember the IRS's #1 tip: *Don't panic! If you run into a problem, remember the IRS is here to help.* Try <http://www.irs.gov/> or call toll-free at 800-829-1040.

Daylight Saving Time

The idea of Daylight Saving Time (called "Summer Time" in many places in the world) was written about in 1784 by Benjamin Franklin, who thought it would make better use of daylight. We change our clocks during the summer months to move an hour of daylight from the morning to the evening, and to "lengthen" the day. Today, approximately 70 countries utilize Daylight Saving Time in at least a portion of the country. Japan, China and India do not. This year's **Daylight Saving Time change is 13 March** – don't forget to "Spring Forward" one hour!

Last Known U.S. Doughboy, Dies at 110

Frank Woodruff Buckles (February 1, 1901 – February 27, 2011) was one of the last three surviving World War I veterans in the world, and was the last living American veteran of the war. At the time of his death, Buckles was also the oldest verified World War I veteran in the world, and the second-oldest male military veteran in the world. He enlisted on Aug. 14, 1917, shortly after his 16th birthday, and went through basic training at Ft. Riley before serving in France and Germany. Once asked about living long enough to be the last U.S. military veteran of WWI, he grinned and said "If it has to be somebody, it might as well be me."

Understanding our Lineage

The United States Military Police Corps was established September 26, 1941. The 300th Military Police Company was activated on August 26, 1942, making it one of the oldest and most decorated MP Companies in the Army. The unit participated in the conflict in Vietnam from 1965-1972, earning 15 campaigns streamers while there. The unit has also earned five Meritorious Unit Commendations, one Army Superior Unit award, and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm (Vietnam). Most recently, the unit has deployed three times in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.